

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN JOSE DIVISION

10 MICHAEL JEFFREY MARLIN, ) Case No.: 12-CV-04776-LHK  
11 Plaintiff, )  
12 v. ) ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
13 WILLIAM KNIPP, Warden, )  
14 Defendant. )  
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16 Petitioner Michael Jeffrey Marlin (“Petitioner”), a state prisoner, filed a petition for writ of  
17 habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, challenging his 2008 conviction and sentence. The  
18 Court hereby ORDERS Respondent Warden William Knipp (“Respondent”) to show cause why a  
19 writ of habeas corpus should not be granted.  
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21 **I. DISCUSSION**

22 **A. Standard of Review**

23 This Court may entertain a petition for writ of habeas corpus “in behalf of a person in  
24 custody pursuant to the judgment of a state court only on the ground that he is in custody in  
25 violation of the Constitution or laws or treaties of the United States.” 28 U.S.C. § 2254(a); *Rosev.*  
26 *Hodes*, 423 U.S. 19, 21 (1975). A district court shall “award the writ or issue an order directing  
27 the respondent to show cause why the writ should not be granted, unless it appears from the  
28 application that the applicant or person detained is not entitled thereto.” 28 U.S.C. § 2243.

**B. Petitioner's Claims**

As grounds for habeas relief, Petitioner claims that Petitioner was deprived of his right to due process when: (1) the prosecutor argued that Petitioner should be convicted because Petitioner failed to produce corroborating evidence, specifically the testimony of Petitioner's mother, even though the prosecutor knew Petitioner had failed to present this evidence because Petitioner's mother could not be found; (2) the trial court failed to grant Petitioner a new trial based on newly available evidence from Petitioner's mother that the victim not only attacked Petitioner's mother but also fired a gun during the altercation with Petitioner (thus, substantiating Petitioner's claim that he was acting in defense of his mother); (3) the trial court ordered that Petitioner's sentence for burglary would run consecutively to Petitioner's sentence for murder in contravention of California Penal Code Section 654. Liberally construed, the claims are sufficient to require a response. The Court orders Respondent to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

**II. CONCLUSION**

1. The Clerk shall serve by mail a copy of this order, Petitioner's Petition (ECF No. 1), and the Amended Petition (ECF No. 2) and all attachments thereto upon the Respondent and the Respondent's attorney, the Attorney General of the State of California. The Clerk shall also serve a copy of this order on Petitioner.

2. Respondent shall file with the Court and serve on Petitioner, within ninety days of the date this order is filed, an answer conforming in all respects to Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases, showing cause why a writ of habeas corpus should not be granted. Respondent shall file with the answer and serve on Petitioner a copy of all portions of the underlying state criminal record that have been transcribed previously and that are relevant to a determination of the issues presented by the petition.

If Petitioner wishes to respond to the answer, he shall do so by filing a traverse with the Court and serving it on Respondent within thirty days of the date the answer is filed.

3. Respondent may file a motion to dismiss on procedural grounds in lieu of an answer, as set forth in the Advisory Committee Notes to Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases within ninety days of the date this order is filed. If Respondent files such a motion,

1 Petitioner shall file with the Court and serve on Respondent an opposition or statement of non-  
2 opposition within thirty days of the date the motion is filed, and Respondent shall file with the  
3 Court and serve on Petitioner a reply within fifteen days of the date any opposition is filed.

4       4. It is Petitioner's responsibility to prosecute this case. Petitioner is reminded that all  
5 communications with the Court must be served on Respondent by mailing a true copy of the  
6 document to Respondent's counsel. Petitioner must keep the Court and all parties informed of any  
7 change of address by filing a separate paper captioned "Notice of Change of Address." He must  
8 comply with the Court's orders in a timely fashion. Failure to do so may result in the dismissal of  
9 this action for failure to prosecute pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b).

10 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

11 Dated: December 28, 2012

  
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LUCY H. KOH  
United States District Judge